

Status Summary Table of EPA Title VI Administrative Complaints (09/30/01)

Table 1: Title VI Complaints by Status Category/subcategory		Number (124 Total)	Percent	Explanation
Pending	Under review for possible investigation/rejection/referral	36	29%	Complaints received by EPA, but for which no decision has yet been made to either reject, accept for investigation, or refer to another federal agency. Includes complaints listed with “clarification requested” status.
	Accepted for investigation	23	19%	Complaints which met the regulatory requirements for an investigation (40 C.F.R. Part 7) and were accepted for investigation.
	Total Pending	59	48%	Complaints accepted for investigation <u>plus</u> the number of complaints under review for possible investigation.
Closed	Rejected for investigation	57	46%	Complaints received by EPA, but not accepted for investigation because they did not meet the regulatory requirements (40 C.F.R. Part 7) (e.g., no recipient of EPA financial assistance; complaint filed more than 180 days after the alleged discriminatory act). (See Table 2 for more information)
	Dismissed after acceptance	07	06%	Complaints accepted for investigation, but later dismissed and the file closed. (See table 3 for more information.)
	Referral to another federal agency	01	0%	Complaints received by EPA, but not accepted for investigation because another federal agency has jurisdiction over the issues described in the complaint.
	Total Closed	65	52%	Note: OCR applies regulatory requirements to each allegation in a complaint. Those allegations not meeting requirements will be rejected. However, if any allegation is accepted for investigation, the complaint is represented in the tally here as accepted.

Table 3: Reasons for Dismissal of Complaints	Number
Permit application withdrawn	1
Permit application inactive	1
Complainant failed to provide required information	1
No adverse impact found	1
Complaint withdrawn by complainant	3
Total	7

Table 2: Reasons for Rejection of Complaints	Number	Percent of Rejected Complaints
No recipient of EPA financial assistance involved	19	33%
Insufficient allegations to constitute a complaint	14	25%
Filed after expiration of 180 day deadline	15	26%
Allegations unsupported by facts	5	9%
Already in court litigation	4	7%
Moot (challenged permit expired or w/drawn)	6	11%
Note: Some complaints were rejected for more than one reason.		